

REMARKS

In the outstanding official action, claims 18 and 12-16 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited and applied references and for the reasons of record

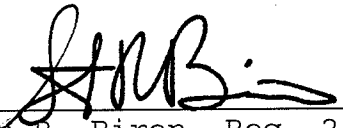
In response, independent claims 1 and 13 are herewith amended in order to more clearly and precisely define the novel and unobvious features of the instant invention, and it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims, as herewith amended, are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references for the reasons detailed below.

More particularly, it was noted in the Response to Arguments section of the Action that previously-presented arguments that the references fail to show certain features of the invention are directed to features which are not recited in the claims. In response, independent claims 1 and 13 are herewith amended to more particularly and precisely recite such features, namely that the first adhesive is a rapidly-curing adhesive to obtain a fast fixation of the gap width, and that the second adhesive is a low-viscosity adhesive to obtain a bubble-free intermediate layer. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the prior arguments (incorporated herein by reference in the interest of brevity) are now fully supported by limitations expressly and positively recited in the claims. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the

specific additional features now positively recited in the claims result in important commercial advantages as clearly detailed in the instant specification.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 13, as herewith amended to more particularly and precisely recite the novel and unobvious features of the instant invention, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are now clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references. Accordingly, allowance of the instant application is respectfully submitted to be justified at the present time, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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